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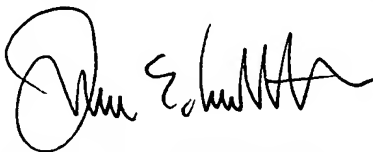
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 99, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. The Lin, et al. reference is cited on page 2 of the Specification. The Berrou, et al. reference is cited on page 7 of the Specification.

Applicants present this art so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rules 104 and 106. Applicants respectfully request that this art be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and

appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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S. Lin, et al.: "Error Control Coding: Fundamentals and Applications", Prentice-Hall Inc., Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1983, chapter 10, pages 287-314.

C. Berrou, et al.: "Near Shannon Limit Error-Correcting Coding and Decoding: Turbo-Codes (1)", Proc. IEEE International Conference On Communications, May 1993, pages 1064-1070.

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